

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02960-BAH**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Assigned to: Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell

Case: 1:19-cv-02961-BAH

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/02/2019

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/02/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6412546) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Department of State)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 10/02/2019)

10/02/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 10/02/2019)
10/02/2019	<u>3</u>	CIVIL COVER SHEET by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC..(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 10/02/2019)
10/07/2019		Case Assigned to Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. (zed,) (Entered: 10/07/2019)
10/07/2019	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zed,) (Entered: 10/07/2019)
10/08/2019	<u>5</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on October 8, 2019. (lcbah2) (Entered: 10/08/2019)
10/21/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/16/2019. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/15/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/18/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 10/16/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 10/21/2019)
11/15/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Luh, James) (Entered: 11/15/2019)
11/15/2019		Minute Order (paperless) DIRECTING the plaintiff to show cause, by November 22, 2019, why this case should not be consolidated with 19-cv-2961 pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42; and further DIRECTING defendant to file, by November 26, 2019, any reply to the plaintiffs response. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on November 15, 2019. (lcbah2) (Entered: 11/15/2019)
11/18/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff's response to Show Cause due by 11/22/2019; defendant's reply, if any, due by 11/26/2019. (tg) (Entered: 11/18/2019)
11/22/2019	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Paul J. Orfanedes on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 11/22/2019)
11/22/2019	<u>9</u>	RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. re Order, filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 11/22/2019)
11/25/2019	<u>10</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Luh, James) (Entered: 11/25/2019)
11/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) GRANTING <u>10</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Join Status Report and DIRECTING the parties to file, by December 3, 2019, a Joint Status Report in accordance with paragraph 3 of the <u>5</u> Standing Order. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on November 25, 2019. (lcbah2) (Entered: 11/25/2019)
11/25/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/3/2019. (tg) (Entered: 11/25/2019)
11/25/2019	<u>11</u>	REPLY re Order, Order, (<i>Defendants' Reply in Response to November 15, 2019, Orders of the Court</i>) filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Luh, James) (Entered: 11/25/2019)
11/25/2019		Minute Order (paperless) CONSOLIDATING, upon consideration of <u>9</u> Plaintiff's Response to the Court's November 15, 2019 Order to Show Cause and <u>11</u> Defendants' Reply in Response to November 15, 2019 Orders of the Court, this case, Civil Case No. 19-2960, with <i>Judicial Watch, Inc. v. U.S. Dep't of the Treasury</i> , Civil Case No. 19-2961, for all purposes. <i>See</i> Local Rule 40.5; Fed. R. Civ. P. 42. The parties are directed that all filings in these consolidated cases shall be made only in Case No. 19-2960. The Clerk shall close Case No. 19-2961 and transfer whatever parties are not identical to Case No. 19-2960. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on November 25, 2019. (lcbah2) (Entered: 11/25/2019)

11/25/2019		CASE CONSOLIDATED. Case 19-2961 has been consolidated with 19-2961 pursuant to a MINUTE ORDER entered 11/25/2019. From this date forward all pleadings shall be filed ONLY in Civil Action No. 19-2960. The parties are advised NOT to elect to SPREAD text when filing in ECF, as this will result in repetitive docketing and emails (zrdj) (Entered: 11/26/2019)
12/03/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Luh, James) (Entered: 12/03/2019)